

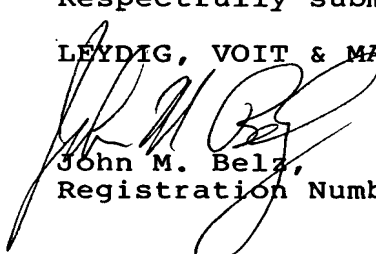
REMARKS

New claims 103-105 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment in order to more precisely circumscribe what applicant believes to be the scope of his invention. Original claim 1 has been cancelled and dependent claims 2-32 have been amended to depend from new claims 103-105. New independent claim 103 includes the essential elements for a vehicle management system as disclosed in the above-identified patent application. The invention defined in new claim 103 provides the ability to discretely identify the haul cycle of a load-carrying vehicle, and thus establish a data base for controlling the routing of a plurality of vehicles between dump and load sites.

Favorable consideration of new claims 103-105, amended claims 2-32 and original claims 33-102 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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